

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



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## School Committee Chairman Gary Magnuson

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**After being elected as chairman in your second year on the School Committee, what skills/talents do you bring to the role?** The responsibilities of the chairman are primarily to plan the agenda, conduct the meetings, ensure orderly meetings, act as spokesperson and sign documents for the School Committee as required. I believe that my professional background, management experience, as well as my nonprofit board involvement, provides a sound background for this role. However, I view the committee as a team, and all the members bring a wealth of experience and good ideas to our committee.

**What is a goal of the School Committee?** We have a lot of important work to do, and all of the members are very involved in a variety of committees and projects. I don't have an agenda, other than striving for continuous improvement in our schools, and I believe that this is a goal that is shared by all my fellow committee members.

**What are the most important issues facing the committee this year?** We have many priorities, but I believe that our highest priority currently is the school building project. This is a project that will shape our schools for many years to come. It is important to keep this project on track from a timing and budgetary perspective, while also meeting the educational needs of our kids and also keeping the community at large involved and informed. In addition to the building project, we are also embarking on the development of a new strategic plan. This will serve as an important tool that will define our long-term goals objectives and how we will measure success in the future.

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